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WEINBERG et al

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December 29, 1994

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 1994, in the above, a Notice of Appeal having been filed on September 20, 1994. The following further comments are offered.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-15 stand rejected under 35 USC 101 as the invention allegedly lacks utility. The rejection is traversed for the reasons that follow.

CD44 is a cell adhesion molecule with numerous different biological functions; these include serving as the receptor for hyaluronic acid, serving as a "homing molecule" for the trafficking of leukocytes throughout the vascular system, acting